

HICKORY COUNTY LIBRARY  
Hermitage, Missouri

## INTERNET ACCESS USE AGREEMENT

### **Purpose:**

To provide resources and services to meet the informational needs of the Community.

The Internet access computers are intended for serious research use and not for mere entertainment such as chat rooms, games or e-mail.

### **Responsibility:**

The Hickory County Library does not monitor and has no control over the information accessed through the Internet. The library shall not be held responsible for the information content.

The library upholds the right and responsibility of parents to determine and monitor their children's use of all library materials and resources.

Parents or guardians, not library staff, are responsible for the Internet information selected and/or accessed by their children.

### **Legal and ethical use:**

Misuse or abuse of library computers will result in loss of computer privileges and may result in loss of library privileges. Examples of illegal or unethical use include, but is not limited to harassing, libeling or slandering other users, sending, receiving, or displaying text or graphics which may be reasonably construed as obscene (Mo. Rev. Stat. 573.010); destroying, damaging or altering equipment, software, or data belonging to the library or other users; unauthorized copying of copyright-protected material; unauthorized use of computer accounts and access codes; violating another user's privacy.

### **Procedures:**

Users must be registered with the library, have a current library card and be in good standing with no overdues in order to use the Internet computers. Patrons must also read and sign the Internet Access Use Agreement & Authorization Form. The signature on this form is legally binding and indicates that the person who signed has read the terms and conditions this policy and understands their significance.

Children under 14 must be accompanied by an adult. Children 14 to 17 years of age must have on file at the library an Internet Access Use Agreement &

Authorization Form signed by both the child and the parent or guardian in the presence of a library staff member.

All users must present a library card, User Internet card and sign in and out at the front desk to use the Internet computers.

Since our space is limited and increased noise from group conversation is disruptive to others, we ask that not more than two people gather at one computer.

Downloading files:

You are not allowed to download any files to the computer's hard drive, If you wish to download files, you must purchase a disk at the circulation desk for a charge of \$1.00

Although we use a virus checker on the library's computers, this will not completely protect you from the chance of getting a virus.

Software downloaded from the Internet may contain a virus and you need to have a virus checking software program on your computer at home.

The library is not responsible if you get a virus from downloading files from the Internet.

You may not use your own software programs on the Internet computers.

Only library staff may restart the computers. Users may not reboot the computers and should report technical difficulties to library staff immediately.

Internet training:

Library staff cannot provide in-depth training concerning Internet computer jargon or personal computer use. Because of library scheduling, Internet-trained staff may not always be available.

Printing:

A printer is available for printing information from the Internet computers, Users are responsible for printing costs of \$0.15/black copy and \$0.25/color copy.

Scheduling:

Use by patrons shall be on a first come, first served basis.

No patron shall use the equipment for more than one hour at a time.

You may reserve the Internet computer up to two hours a week, minimum of one hour/sign-up, and can reserve a time slot up to seven days in advance.

E-mail:

The library does not offer electronic mail accounts.

User Internet card:

A User Internet card will be issued to patrons who have signed the Internet Access Use Agreement & Authorization Form. The card must also be signed and then presented each time when requesting use of an Internet computer.

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### INTERNET ACCESS USE AGREEMENT & AUTHORIZATION FORM

I have read the policies concerning the use of the Hickory County Public Library's Internet access computers and agree to abide by the policies.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_  
(Required for all patrons under age 18.)

Date \_\_\_\_\_ LIBRARY CARD # \_\_\_\_\_

By my above signature, I authorize my child to access the internet if accompanied by an adult volunteer of the homework-helper program. I am still responsible to all of the rules and regulations of this agreement.

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